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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Feb. 13, 1869.

The receipts of the year have been as follows:—

Amount in Treasury. Feb 15, 1868.....	\$4,759 44
of money hired for use of the town.....	6,867 21
Received of Edmund Adams, coll	9,223 71
Interest on taxes.....	3 59
From State Treasurer....	16 00
County.....	887 70
Amount of taxes received from different banks.....	121 84
On case of Eliza Mills....	100 00
On Edward G Shute's note	143 89
W W Poor on I H Jones' list of 1865.....	500 00
I A Dustin on list of 1866.....	82 11
G O Reynolds on list of 1867.....	47 00
do do 1868.....	2,400 00
do interest on taxes.....	30 00
Railroad tax received.....	694 77
Savings bank do	436 34
Literary fund do	79 20
U S bounties do	364 00
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	\$26,756 80

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

1868.		District No. 11.....	\$80 53
District No. 1.....	\$268 29	12.....	70 49
2.....	279 31	Hampstead.....	7 20
3.....	64 65	do School house tax	7 28
4.....	114 01	Chester.....	4 10
5.....	67 44	Salem, 1868.....	4 30
6.....	72 86	do 1867.....	2 73
7.....	136 92	I A Dustin, an account of	
8.....	151 28	schools of 1866.....	15 00
9.....	92 22		<hr/>
10.....	27 60		\$1,466 21

SNOW PATHS.

1868.		Paid J L Cunningham	\$ 8 10
Paid Nathaniel H Brown	\$47 09	Samuel Brown	5 35
Geo R N Sargent	9 61	Robert W Adams	14 25
Joseph Montgomery	17 50	Marshall Merriam	10 29
Silas P Boynton	6 06	Samuel F Taylor	1 50
Geo W Davis	3 75	Christopher Chase	10 95
Harrison Shattuck	27 75	James Miltimore	6 00
Jacob Townsend	17 66	Robt Rogers, Jr	2 10
Thaddeus Wheeler	33 27		
Daniel M Emery	16 82		
			<hr/> \$238 05

TRANSIENT POOR.

1868.			
Paid Geo N Kimball, services rend'd family of A H Welch	\$ 18 93		
Alonzo Kimball, drawing wood to	do do		1 50
Dr Josiah C Eastman, med att on	do do		169 23
Daniel J Day, wood furnished	do do		9 00
J Stevens, washing for	do do		20 00
Ann Kershaw, nursing the	do do		22 00
Geo Taylor, wood furnished	do do		4 00
Harriet Tuttle, board and clothing of Welch child			72 81
Taylor, Hill & Co, supplies to family A H Welch,			81 00
do do John A Raymond			68 00
Jacob Sheldon, board of Nathan S Sheldon			45 00
Supplies to Mrs Margaret Parker			30 99
do Misses Sargent			11 50
do Geo Alexander			30 50
do Thomas Flaherty			26 46
Dr James H Crombie, med att on Flaherty family			37 00
Aid to transient poor			21 00
			<hr/> \$668 92

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1868.		
Paid Daniel J Day, repairs on road.....	\$ 7 25	
John McGinty, labor on roads.....	1 80	
John Hemphill, labor on sinking bridge.....	14 00	
Geo Moore, 2d, repair of road near Jonas Herrick's...	25 25	
do repairs on Gulf Hill.....	24 28	
Ezra Foster, repairs of bridge near J Herrick's.....	3 60	
Geo Shute, repairs of sinking bridge and turn-pike....	22 50	
Chas Clyde, repairs on roads.....	23 70	
Jonas Herrick, lumber for bridge.....	12 96	
Christopher Chase, labor on Mill Hill.....	1 05	
Benjamin Wilson, lumber for bridge....	5 00	
Charles E Rand, labor and lumber on bridge.....	8 92	
John C Drew, use of scraper,.....	50	
Daniel M Emery, labor on highway.....	16 82	
		<hr/> \$167 63

TOWN OFFICERS.

1868.			
Paid Geo Moore, 2d, balance of services 1867.....	\$16 00		
Geo I Choate, do do	18 00		
Geo Shute, do do	11 00		
Edmund Adams, services as Auditor, 1866-7.....	4 00		
Benj Barker, constable, 1868.....	5 00		
Geo W Barker, clerk and treasurer, 1868.....	50 00		
Geo W Barker, extra expenses as clerk.....	5 00		
Rev L S Parker, S S com, 1868.....	40 00		
Geo Moore, 2d, services as selectman, 1868.....	82 28		
do extra expenses do	23 00		
Geo I Choate, services as do	80 50		
Geo Shute, do do	49 00		
do extra expenses as do	6 75		
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			\$390 53

GRAVE YARD.

1868,			
Paid James Taylor, interring bodies and care of hearse....	\$81 00		
do repairs on hearse house.....	30		
Geo Moore, 2d, one set of door trucks.....	1 00		
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			\$82 30

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

1868.			
Paid on tax list of 1865	\$ 9 16		
do 1867.....	7 38		
do 1868.....	52 34		
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			\$68 88

ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

1868.			
Paid support of John G Bond.....	\$174 45		

ALMS HOUSE.

1868.			
Paid Chas Choate, bal of supt's salary, 1867.....	\$100 00		
do part of do 1868.....	150 00		
Amount drawn from treasury by Supt.....	100 00		
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			\$350 00

COLLECTOR.

1868.			
Paid executor of estate of Edmund Adams.....	\$100 00		

ABATEMENTS.

1868.

Paid on I A Dustin's list of 1866.....	\$ 62 48
Edmund Adams' do 1867.....	146 81
G O Reynolds' do do	38 42
Edmund Adams' do 1868.....	60 18
G O Reynolds' do do	71 15
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	\$379 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

1868,

Paid J A Dustin, service in Dorr case.....	\$ 8 88
H E Eastman, one cask of lime	2 00
Nathaniel Brown, for wood at parish hall, 1868.....	7 50
Harrison Shattuck, do do 1867.....	5 75
E Coggsweil, care of parish hall, tolling bell, &c.....	17 75
Charles H Bell, legal service.....	3 00
Robert Alexander, sheep killed by dogs.....	31 92
Samuel Wilson, do do	7 70
Henry D Carr, do do	3 42
John McGinty, do do	3 42
Isaac L Seavy, do do	3 42
Wm H Fisk, books, stationery, &c.....	51 08
McFarland & Jenks, fund-blanks.....	25 00
Edmund Adams, tax bills.....	4 00
B F Sanborn, town officer	2 50
Wm Anderson, drafting bonds.....	2 00
E C Eastman, record book.....	3 10
Geo Moore, 2d, stamps and stationery.....	5 70
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	\$188 14

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1868.

Paid E P Upton	\$ 169 70	Paid Richard Melvin	\$ 60 00
Daniel Owens	151 67	Joseph Leach	202 54
James C Taylor	24 00	Parmelia Nowell	30 17
N A Bray	985 74	Sarah H Moore	52 70
Frank A Lincoln	475 60	John Ordway	642 08
Susan M Johnson	12 36	Martha Warner	1 27
Joseph Chase	31 00	Joseph Jenness	969 58
John B Taylor	284 00	Jesse Little	673 11
Wm Taylor	2,083 33	William Moore	934 74
Josephine A Austin	12 00	James Nowell	204 42
J P Whitcomb	236 17	Christopher Chase	130 35
Ebenezer Duston	1,494 36	Geo K Whitney	571 81
Charlotte A Dustin	827 54		<hr/>
E G Kelly	2,837 45		\$14,097 69

SUMMARY,

Schools	\$1,466 21	Collector	100 00
Snow paths	238 05	Abatements	379 04
Transient poor	668 92	Miscellaneous	188 14
Roads and bridges	167 63	Notes and interest	14,097 69
Town officers	390 53	State tax	3,262 50
Grave yard	82 30	County tax	1,398 37
Non-resident highway tax		Cash in treasury	3,724 09
Receipts	68 88		
Insane Asylum	174 45		26,756 80
Alms house	350 00	Amount of receipts	\$26,756 80

NOTES PAYABLE.

Marshall Merriam	\$500 00	A Woodward	747 46
Richard Melvin	500 00	Susan M Johnson	100 00
Jerusha Kelly	387 00	Alexis Proctor	400 00
Ithamar Hubbard	300 00	Samuel H Quincy	1,965 61
Humphrey Choate	200 00	John Patten	200 00
Josephine A Austin	200 00	First Parish in Derry	400 00
Lilly Cochrane	74 44	Joseph Leach	100 00
George Warner	146 33		
Hiram Sargent	1,175 28		10,236 12
Robert T Chase	250 00	Interest due on notes Feb.	
Sylvanus Brown	600 00	13, 1869,	1,411 37
Sylvanus Brown	300 00	Funded debt,	24,450 00
John B Taylor	1,200 00		
Robt T Chase	100 00		\$36,097 49
James A Dix	390 00		

BALANCE SHEET.

TOWN OF DERRY,	-	-	-	DR.
To bonds, notes and interest payable.....				\$36,097 49
			CR.	
By uncollected taxes.....				\$ 998 03
cash in treasury.....				3,724 09
Due from County.....				69 46
William Johnson, note....				102 50
Balance being amount of town debt.				31,203 41
				-----\$36,097 49

1868. EDMUND ADAMS, Collector. DR.

To amount of uncollected taxes, Feb. 15, 1868.....	\$1,124 25
	CR.
By amount paid town treasurer.....	\$727 45
balance of uncollected taxes.....	396 80
	-----\$1,124 25

1868. EDMUND ADAMS, Collector. Dr.

To amount of tax list of 1868.....\$11,503 03

Cr.

By paid County tax \$1,398 37

Selectmen..... 1,688 19

Town treasurer..... 5,456 71

Bal. of uncollected taxes at E. Adams' death. 2,959 76
\$11,503 03

1868. GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, Collector. Dr.

To balance of tax list of 1868.....\$2,959 76

Cr.

To amount paid town treasurer.....\$2,400 00

Balance of uncollected taxes..... 559 76
\$2,959 76

GEO. W. BARKER, Treasurer, in acc't with town of Derry, Dr.

1869. Feb. 23.

To cash on hand, balance of last year.....\$4,759 44

do received from taxes of banks..... 121 84

do do State treasurer..... 16 00

do do E G Shute's note and interest..... 143 89

do do I A Dustin, collector..... 82 11

do do W W Poor, collector of Jones' list. 500 00

do do E Adams, collector's list, 1867 680 45

do do G O Reynolds, do do 47 00

do do E Adams do of 1868.....5,456 71

do do G O Reynolds. do.... 2,400 00

do do E Adams, interest 3 59

do do G O Reynolds, do..... 30 00

do do Selectmen.....7,854 91

\$22,095 94

Cr.

By paid orders of Selectmen.....\$18,371 85

cash on hand..... 3,724 09

\$22,095 94

GEORGE MOORE, 2d, } Selectmen
 GEO. I. CHOATE, } of
 GEORGE SHUTE, } Derry.

I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

February 26, 1869.

W. W. POOR.

ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.—Invoice of Stock and Produce Feb.
13, 1869.

1 horse,	\$65 00	30 lbs. butter,	14 40
2 oxen,	250 00	15 doz candles,	3 00
9 cows,	500 00	60 gals soap,	10 00
2 hogs,	71 00	140 bush potatoes,	100 00
2 sheep, 10; 12 fowles, 6,	16 00	50 gals vinegar,	15 50
25 tons English hay,	450 00	240 do cider,	37 50
2 tons run hay,	18 00	pickles, 1 50; vegetables, 2,	3 50
Shorts,	20 00	Cranberries, 2 50; flour, 5,	7 50
50 bush. corn,	60 00	Sugar, 1; tea, 1 40,	2 40
Dried apples, 5; beans, 12,	17 00	Molasses, .60; lumber, 8,	8 60
Squashes,	3 50	Fire wood,	100 00
120 lbs. ham,	24 00	Yarn,	4 25
350 lbs. pork,	70 00		
100 lbs. beef,	11 00		\$1,896 45
65 lbs. lard,	14 30		

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN, DR.

To invoice of 1868.....	\$1,707 40
Due from H P Hood, 1868.....	81 95
Amount sold from farm.....	529 17
Superintendent's salary.....	300 00
Drawn from town treasury.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$2,718 52

CR.

Invoice of 1869.....	\$1,896 45
Bills paid.....	502 14
Amount received from County.....	332 40
Due from County.....	16 00
Due from H P Hood.....	133 14
Improvements.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$2,905 13

Balance in favor of Almshouse.....\$186 61

In accordance with a vote of the town we hereby submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

GEORGE MOORE, 2d, } Selectmen
GEO. I. CHOATE, } of
GEORGE SHUTE, } Derry.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintendent of schools makes to his townsmen the following report of the condition of the schools during the year now closing.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

In summer this school was under the care of the same teacher as last year, and the general good order and faithful instruction then distinctly noticed, were fully sustained. There was a smaller attendance than usual during a part of the season. The winter school was crowded with pupils from first to last, and was of marked excellence.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Another year of success has been given to this school. Both the teachers acquitted themselves with honor. The scholars were orderly and studious. Several of the more advanced pupils left school before the winter examination to join their classes in the Academy.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The young lady in charge of this school began her work as a teacher during this year. She proved herself to be able and apt to teach. The scholars, though few in number, made fair progress.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The committee of this district wisely chose one of our most approved teachers to take charge of the school for both terms. The school was shorter than if a second or third class teacher had been employed, but it was far more profitable. The discipline was worthy of all praise.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school in summer opened favorably, but was somewhat interrupted by the teacher's illness. The winter term was one of special interest. This school stands first on our list for regular and punctual attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The school term in this district was shorter than is desirable, though several families sent pupils in part to other schools; but while it lasted, the scholars worked like bees, under the inspiring guidance of their beloved teacher. Music and compositions, along with the ordinary exercises, graced the close of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

By some mistake the committee was not duly apprised of the close of the summer term, and therefore cannot speak of the appearance of the school at that time. Both teacher and scholars promised well at the beginning of the school. For the winter, an instructor of ripe age and experience was chosen, under whose care some of the methods of former years were put in practice. The closing exhibition of the school was fair and pleasant.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

In this district special care was taken to secure tried teachers. Both labored faithfully. The examinations were thorough and satisfactory. It is pleasant to see this school, so large in former years, filling up again.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The teacher of this school began her professional course this year. Order, clearness, and strength appeared in the arrangement and exercises of the school. The school-room has been decidedly improved.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The scholars of this district, as for two years past, have gone to district No. 9, in Londonderry.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The teacher of this school speaks of being annoyed by the ill conduct of a few pupils the first part of the term. Later in the season, several of the families left town, and sickness thinned the school. The pupils that appeared at the examination, recited creditably. The teacher's report was a model one.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

This small school holds on its way like a little Monitor, rising in character from year to year. Both teacher and pupils deserve approval. Two private schools were opened later, patronized in part from other districts, and from out of town.

In the schools of our fathers, in our existing schools, we find much to approve and rejoice in. Their fruits demonstrate that they are of a good type. Out of these nurseries have gone forth men and women who have been like trees planted in the courts of the Lord. But it must force itself on every thoughtful, observant person, that we are not to rest in the past in this regard, but are to be constantly moving forward. We attain perfection here in no one thing. It is alike our duty and interest to be ever striving for it, ever approaching that grand ideal. We are in an age in which there is a wonderful awakening of mind and heart in almost every direction, in respect to almost every worthy object. In every branch of human industry, in every department of science and art, there is attention, study, energy, life. While everything is thus advancing, like the glorious orbs in the heavens, a demand is made upon us to put forth new efforts in the cause of early education, that the training of the young may keep pace with the march of improvement in other things. In order to proceed intelligently, so as not to waste any strength, let us endeavor to fix in our minds a true conception of what we need in our schools that we may reach the best results in this field. At the foundation of the whole enterprise lies a profound interest in the community in this object. No two or three individuals, however disposed or gifted, can do the work. The many, not the few, must be enlisted in it.—The people must not passively accept the institution, but must cherish a living interest in it. It is not a hard task for any true mind to bring itself into deep sympathy with this vital movement. It is the beginning of a training for the great work of life. The foundations are laying for all after years. The feeling aroused or chilled, the energy cooled, or the sloth fostered, the thoroughness or superficiality practised, are as seed sown for a future harvest, reach on in their effects through all coming life. If the habits of order, of earnest study, of thorough understanding and execution here formed and strengthened, are what they should be, the entire succeeding life will be shaped and inspired by them. The pupils will become a law to themselves. They will surely attain an honorable eminence. If it be otherwise, the whole of the years to come will be shaded and blighted thereby. Any parent, any lover of his kind, who will duly reflect on this subject, cannot fail of being strongly impressed by a sense of its importance. He will be ready to bear his part in the labor and expense that are required to make the school what it should be. His home will breathe a spirit of sympathy with the school, with the teacher, and especially with any of the pupils who are under his personal care. Every facility in his power will be afforded such to aid them in their studies. He

will not hesitate, if need be, to buckle on the armor of former years, like aged Priam, and to become a student again with his children or wards. He will see to it that they attend school constantly and punctually. Not his heart only, but his presence, from time to time, will be in the schoolroom. In the studies and discipline of the school, he will confer with and sustain the teacher. If any mistake is made, or misunderstanding occurs—for who is perfect?—he will follow the Bible rule, and first of all, consult the head of the school, seeking in the spirit of good will, any explanation or desired change.

Pass we now to the schoolroom. This should be sufficiently spacious for the number of pupils; it should be well ventilated, well furnished, and well warmed in winter, and be kept in perfect repair. No broken windows, chairs, or desks should be seen. Whatever maps, or other works of reference are necessary, should be supplied. The school edifice, thus constructed and furnished, is to be put into the hands of the teacher, who is to see that it is kept neat and uninjured. No hacking of desks or seats, no scattering about of pieces of paper, or of food, or of any thing of the kind, is to be tolerated. System, order, are to reign within and around the schoolhouse. The pupils of every age are to be taught to control their lips, and feet, and bodies, to handle their books, and maps, and slates with great carefulness, so as to create no disturbance.—They are to attend to their studies, and not to the other pupils, or to visitors, or to travellers in the street. Before school, at recess, and when dismissed at noon or night, no tumult whatever is to be allowed. Good order is to be secured as the prime requisite to a good school.

In the branches of study taught, thoroughness is to be constantly aimed at. Not the ground gone over is to be the standard, but the ability of the scholar to tell what he has learned, and to give the reasons of things. The principles and rules should be repeated till they are a part of the pupil's inalienable treasures; the processes are to be gone over till the mind is entirely at home with them. The scholar is to be made to understand perfectly the meaning of terms, and the nature of operations, till he can be a guide to others in these; till in reading, for example, he can take new passages, and read them aright, and give the rules; or, in arithmetic, can take problems, not in the book, and solve them, and give the reason for each step. This mastery of subjects from the first may be slow at the outset, may require much care and toil, but it is the only true course. This is Primary Education as it should be. It pays in the end. Taking care of the pence in this manner, the pounds of after years will take care of themselves. Pupils thus

educated become thinkers, scholars, men, in the best sense, able to expose shams, and to discern and advocate all right ways.

The Common School is the great institution for the training of the citizens of our Republic. No other influence reaches and moulds so many. Let it, then, be justly prized, generously supported, and steadily carried on towards perfection.

LEONARD S. PARKER.

Supt. School Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	Length of terms.	No. of Pupils.	Av'ge attendance
1.	A. C. Stevens.....	18	59	45
	G. G. McMurphy.....	10	56	51
2.	E. P. Hood.....	16	51	40
	E. Page.....	11	60	48
3.	S. E. Clark.....	21	22	14
4.	F. M. Webster.....	14	52	34
5.	H. F. Chase.....	5	26	20
	F. G. Hughes.....	12	35	34
6.	E. Rogers.....	15	28	20
7.	M. K. Hall.....	8	33	24
	E. G. Perham.....	8	28	20
8.	M. E. Dana.....	11	26	21
	F. G. Holmes.....	10	28	25
9.	L. M. Dana	20	27	15
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11.	S. MacGregor.....	16	40	21
12.	L. K. Hall.....	16	13	11



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Manchester, N. H., March, 1869.